

Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts School of Practical Nursing-Tewksbury Hospital
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Please note that we are no longer accepting applications for September 2008 admission.

September 2009 admission material will be available on this site after September 1, 2008.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Section I. Educational Program

- The duration of the program is 10 ½ months.
- Classes begin September 14, 2009 with graduation on July 22, 2010.
- The program runs full time days, Monday through Friday - approximately 8 AM to 4 PM.

Section II. Program Expenses

- Testing fee - \$50 (non-refundable)
- Textbooks - \$1100, Uniforms - \$375, Program Expenses - \$1200 (Prices are subject to change.)
- Financial Aid is not offered for/by this program.

Section III. Admission Requirements

- Satisfactory pre-admission examination results.
- Completed admission application.
- High school graduate (within the United States) or equivalency (GED)
- Satisfactory Test of English as a Foreign Language (if applicable – refer to Section V)
- Two professional references
- All candidates seeking admission to the School of Practical Nursing must be a United States citizen or carry a current Resident Alien (green) Card. Proof of status will be required prior to interview.
- Personal interview
- Criminal Offender Record Information clearance
- Health clearance by a physician or nurse practitioner
- Health insurance
- Soldiers' Home Graduates are required to work in a State operated healthcare facility for a minimum of one (1) year after graduation such as: Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, Tewksbury Hospital, Lemmuel Shattuck Hospital, Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Department of Corrections, Department of Mental Retardation, Mental Health or Public Health.

Section IV. Required Educational Documentation

- Official transcript from a high school within the United States indicating date of graduation **or**
- Official GED score report with pass rating (you must also submit high school transcript)
- Foreign educated applicants must have their educational records evaluated for high school equivalency. The Center for Educational Documentation in Boston provides this service for Soldiers' Home applicants. Contact the Center at (617) 338-7171 for further information on having your records evaluated.

Do not forward foreign educational documents to the School of Nursing.

Section V. Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL)

Applicants are required to take the TOEFL examination if **ANY OR ALL** applies:

- You graduated from a high school outside the United States.
- You were educated abroad prior to receiving your High School Equivalency Certificate in the United States
- You were educated within the United States and took ESL courses in school.
- English is a second language.
- For TOEFL information or to apply on-line go to <http://www.toefl.org>
- Score reports must be mailed directly to the school by the TOEFL agency – Soldiers' Home TOEFL code is #9909
- Scores older than two years are not acceptable.
- Must score at least 197 (computer based TOEFL) or 71 (internet based TOEFL) to be considered.
- College English courses are not accepted in place of TOEFL

Section VI. How to apply to the School of Practical Nursing

- Print out Admission Application and Examination Registration forms. (Parts I – III)
- Complete parts I, II and III and submit to the School of Nursing with a \$50 non-refundable money order.
- Since Soldiers' Home has rolling admissions, candidates are advised to apply as soon as possible.

Section VII. Entrance Examination Information

Soldiers' Home School of Practical Nursing – Tewksbury Hospital utilizes the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS.) The TEAS is a scholastic aptitude assessment test published by Assessment Technologies Institute. It is used to assist the Admissions Committee in selecting candidates with the highest likelihood of success in the program.

The TEAS consists of three content subtest areas: English (punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words & spelling), reading (comprehension) and math (whole numbers, conversions, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages & ratio/proportion.) All subtests contain multiple-choice items with one correct answer. This is a timed test and candidates may not use textbooks, calculators or any other reference material while testing. Approximately (3) hours are allotted for administering the entire exam. Prior to taking the test all applicants must obtain an individual identification number from Assessment Technologies Institute by creating ATI account. To create an ATI account, go to www.atitesting.com and click on Create New Account and follow the screen prompts.

All examinations are held on the Soldiers' Home campus in Chelsea (60 Hillside Ave.) Walk-ins are not permitted: therefore, all individuals must register prior to the exam date desired. Because exam dates fill quickly we reserve the right to reschedule any request if the date you have chosen is full. Exam confirmation will be forwarded to you upon receipt of materials listed in Section VI.

EXAM DATES

The exam dates, for candidates interested in entering the program in September 2009, will be posted after September 1, 2008.

Please revisit this web site for updates.

All exams begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Candidates must have their ATI account number. Individuals who arrive late or without their ATI number will not be allowed into the testing area and charged a \$25 rescheduling fee. If you need to reschedule an exam due to unforeseen circumstances you may do so by putting your request in writing and submitting a \$25 rescheduling fee. **Exams will not be held if, due to inclement weather, the City of Chelsea cancels school. Call the school of nursing the next business day for rescheduling information.**

If individuals do not pass the test on their first attempt they must wait until admission into the following September program to retest. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you review the test subject matter listed above prior to testing.

Section VIII. Directions to the School of Nursing – 60 Hillside Ave., Chelsea

➤ From Boston/South Shore

Take the Expressway to the Tobin Bridge/Route 1 North. Go over the bridge until you come to the exit on the right marked Webster Ave., Chelsea-Everett. At the end of the ramp go right onto Webster Ave. Follow this down a short distance. Take your first right onto Summit Ave. At the top of Summit Ave take your first left. You are now on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home Campus.

➤ From the North Shore

Take Route 1, southbound, to the exit marked Route 16 (Everett-Somerville.) At the bottom of the ramp, try and move into the left lane for you will be taking a left at the first set of lights not very far from the off-ramp. At the lights take a left onto Webster Avenue. Follow this down a short distance. Almost immediately after passing Home Depot on your left, take a right onto Summit Avenue. At the top of Summit Avenue take your first left. You are now on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home Campus.

➤ Public Transportation

The 112 bus will drop you off in front of the chapel located on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home Campus. This bus runs from Wellington Station in Medford. It is advised that you contact the MBTA for departure and arrival times.

NOTE - Road construction may cause the directions to change so you may want refer to www.mapquest.com

Section IX. Change of Governance

Soldiers' Home School of Practical Nursing – Tewksbury Hospital

On April 9, 2008 the Board of Registration in Nursing voted to approve a change in the School of Practical Nursing's governing agency from Soldiers' Home to Tewksbury Hospital.

Under this change of governance, Tewksbury Hospital will have authority over all matters concerning the day-to-day operation of the school including student admissions, faculty appointment, program policies, procedures, curriculum, and resource assessment. The legal name of the program has changed to Soldiers' Home School of Practical Nursing – Tewksbury Hospital.

How will this change in governance affect applicants, students, and graduates of the Soldiers Home School of Practical Nursing – Tewksbury Hospital? The change in governance should not negatively impact applicants, students or graduates. Classes will continue to be held at Soldiers' Home in Chelsea and there is no anticipated change in clinical affiliations. The current administrator and faculty will remain the same. The school of nursing curriculum and policies will remain as stated and be updated periodically to reflect the changes in nursing and health care. Program records shall continue to be stored and maintained by the School of Practical Nursing at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea under the supervision of Tewksbury.

Soldiers' Home School of Practical Nursing – Tewksbury Hospital is fully approved by the ...

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Section X. Soldiers' Home

Established in 1882, the Soldiers' Home is a health care facility for veterans funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Soldiers' Home is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for long term care and approved by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The mission of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea is to provide, with honor and dignity, the highest quality of personal health care services to Massachusetts Veterans.

Section XI. Tewksbury Hospital

Tewksbury Hospital is operated by the Department of Public Health; it serves patients whose care is under the auspices of the Department of Public Health and the Department of Mental Health. Tewksbury Hospital is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and accredited by the Joint Commission. The primary mission of Tewksbury Hospital is to provide comprehensive treatment, care and comfort to adults with chronic medical and mental illness. Tewksbury Hospital serves its patients with dignity and respect, emphasizing active treatment in the least restrictive setting, with the goal of assisting the patient in reaching the highest level of independent functioning possible. Its services reflect the different needs of its patients.

Section XII. School of Practical Nursing

Soldiers' Home School of Practical Nursing has been preparing men and women for a career in nursing since 1956. The school is a forty-two week, hospital-based program located in the Keville House on the campus of Soldiers' Home.

The program of learning is designed to provide the learner with organized instruction and individualized learning experiences. Students experience the following types of clinical sites: acute medical-surgical units, long term care units, Alzheimers unit, operating room, recovery room, surgical day care unit, pediatric head start and after school program, and an adult day care unit.

In April of 2008, the Soldiers' Home School of Practical Nursing was placed under the governance of Tewksbury Hospital.